

## BETWEEN DUST AND MUD

Unsanitary Conditions Caused  
Northeast's Unpaved Streets.

### MAURY SCHOOL AFFECTED

Scholars Track Dirt From the Surrounding Commons and Their Streets Are Interfered With by Flying Dust—Pretty Homes Soiled by Wind-Driven Clouds.

The unsanitary conditions of the Maury school is a cause of complaint from the friends of the ten teachers and three hundred children who spend six hours a day there, as well as from the actual sufferers.

Because of the absence of street improvements the floors of the schoolhouse are thick with dust in dry weather and with mud on wet days. Another cause for complaint is in the proximity of a number of dry closets, the odor from which is sometimes overpowering and at all times noxious.

The matter of the closets has been called to the attention of Dr. Woodward, health officer of the District, and by him referred to the sanitary inspector, who will probably make an investigation and render a report in a day or two.

The Maury school is a two-story brick structure situated on B street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets northeast, in a section so barren of municipal improvements that the children of that region, and they are numerous and respectable, refer to their neighborhood as "the bad lands of Washington," or "No Man's Land."

WHERE THE DUST BEGINS.

In going east along B street one leaves the region of asphalt abruptly at Eighth street, a short square east of the intersection of B street and Massachusetts avenue. At that point there is a beautiful display of Belgian block pavement and granite curbing. Here there is also a triangular reservation of land, with an iron chain, green with carefully cropped grass, and in its center blooms a circular plot of red geraniums. Here the beauty of the scene ends.

As the eye travels eastward it peers into a vista of dust, and clouds of this every wind that blows. From Eighth street eastward the street is not so respectable as the average country pike. It is lined on both sides with pretty brick houses, just as worthy of consideration as the mansions of the District Government in any other city. Every foot, though, is dirt-stained. Dust has settled on the cornices and sills and overgrown the lawns and when the rain comes, dirty, muddy streams course down from the roof to the basement.

DUST RUINS HOUSES.

Some of the yards reveal an attempt to grow grass and flowers, but these have been ruined by the dust from the unpaved street, almost as deep as though they had lain in the track of a sand storm. Even the maple and elm trees that are expected to give shade along this unpaved highway seem discouraged and refuse to act. After four squares of this kind of walking one reaches the schoolhouse. Here the teachers, adapted to blowing their noses, rubbing their irritated eyes, and cleaning their faces with handkerchiefs.

"The dust is exactly as they say," and when it isn't dust, it's mud."

"Oh, why can't something be done with this street?" questioned they, as they dug the grit from their eyes and nostrils. It is a death to the children; they inhale dust with every respiration, and as they tramp across the floors they raise fogs of mud that irritate the throat and lungs. The children at this school are a great deal and suffer from throat trouble. This condition of affairs does not seem to the janitor, who swabs down every floor nightly, while in other schools this is done but weekly.

To the east of the school is a piece of waste land, evidently a reservation, with the expenditure of a small sum, might be made to blossom as the rose, but somehow, in the disposition of the land, this section has always been ignored.

SURROUNDED BY POOLS.

In rainy weather Maury School is almost inaccessible by reason of the mud-pools that settle round. These pools are said to linger for some time after the clouds have passed away. Some of the parallel streets to B are paved much further to the eastward.

It is understood that the residents along this street have frequently petitioned the Commissioners to include this street in their estimate of the unpaved streets of the District.

With regard to the dry closets, Health Officer Woodward, told The Times that unless they violated some condition of the ordinances passed by the Board of Health, November 19, 1895, and legalized by subsequent Congressional action, which permits dry closets to exist, they could not be reached by a more perfect law, governing such matters, shall be enacted by Congress.

### TAGGART'S FIRST ACT.

Proceeds Promptly to Oust His Election Opponent.

Indianapolis, Oct. 11.—The first official act of Mayor Taggart was to appoint E. M. Johnson city controller, and that official at once entered upon the duties of his office, succeeding F. C. Truesler, late Republican candidate for mayor.

The people who have claimed that the new mayor would inaugurate his administration by issuing a proclamation that would become a law, have been disappointed by his second act, which was to send an order to the acting chief of police to continue a vigorous enforcement of the laws, the same as had been the policy of the previous administration.

### MURDERER'S BROTHER.

Receives His Sister's Party by Poisoning the Guests.

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 11.—The police are looking for a young man named Henry Meera, whom the charge with an attempt at wholesale poisoning.

Meera's sister gave a party last night. Henry was not to be invited, but the sister was heard to say he would make it a sorry affair for those who came.

Today two of the guests were taken seriously ill. The host is estimated at \$150,000, and the insurance placed at \$2,500.

### FRANCE IS MASTER.

Hova Government Must Make No Concessions Without Leave.

Paris, Oct. 11.—The main says that the treaty of peace made by the French commander in Madagascar with the Hova government provides that no territorial concession shall be made by the Hova government without the consent of France, and that the concessions that have already been granted may be cancelled.

Under these provisions the grants of vast tracts of country obtained from the Hova premier by Englishmen and Germans may be withdrawn.

### Incendiary Fire.

Pittsburgh, Ind., Oct. 11.—The Holand Radiator Works, at Bremen, were entirely destroyed by an incendiary fire at 5 o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, and the insurance placed at \$2,500.

## DROPPED THROUGH A DRAW

Engine Plunges Into a River But Crew Swim Ashore Unhurt.

### Passenger Car Hangs Suspended in Air by One End, But Occupants Escape With a Shaking Up.

Peterboro, Ont., Oct. 11.—The regular passenger train on the Grand Trunk, which left here at 9 o'clock last night, dashed through a lock bridge on the Otonabee river about a mile out of town, into fifteen feet of water.

The bridge had just been opened to allow a steamer to pass through, and was in the act of being closed when the train came along and plunged into the draw.

The engine dropped and sank almost instantly, and the baggage car crashed into it. The passenger car hung half way over the opening, held up by the front end.

The fireman, baggage man and brakeman escaped by swimming ashore. The remainder of the train landed and eight passengers were killed and several injured, but the latter were badly shaken up, and some had to crawl through the car windows.

Bridge-leader Jackson states that the danger signal was up, and that the engineer ignored it. The latter asserts that the signal had been lowered before he pulled ahead. A thorough investigation will be held.

There was considerable baggage in the baggage car, and it will probably be badly damaged. The track was severely shaken up and traffic resumed.

## HE DENIES A CONFESSION

But Durrant's Hesitation Yesterday Excites an Old Rumor.

Prosecution Will Show the Prisoner Was Fully Able to Have Carried Blanche's Body to the Tower.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—Ever since the preliminary examination of Theodore Durrant, a vaguely defined impression has existed that he had confessed to the keeping of his attorney's statement of his knowledge of the two murders, which have come to be known as "the crime of a century."

Just how or why this impression gained such a hold on the public mind is one of those things which cannot be explained, but will be explained, but it received a shaking up in the cross-examination of Durrant by Mr. Barnes yesterday.

The young medical student if he had not made a statement of his connection with the murder of Blanche Lamont, and sealing the same in an envelope, placed it in charge of Dr. Dickinson, with instructions not to open it unless he was convicted.

For one brief moment Durrant hesitated before replying, and then, with the utmost nonchalance, said he had not.

This was enough, however, to again set afloat rumors long dormant because of cover sensations and theories advanced both by the prosecution and the defense.

That there is some foundation for Mr. Barnes' persistent question, that the gentleman does not deny, though he is cautious enough not to say anything which can be positively construed as an admission that the prosecution is in possession of such important evidence.

"I do not care to talk about the matter at the present time," he said last night. "The question may have been asked at random or it may have been a prearranged plan. It would not be right to talk about the matter just now, though I do not mind saying that if the cross-examination is continued any further on this line it may be assumed as true that the prosecution is standing on fact."

In consequence of this equivocal statement the cross-examination, which continues this morning, will be listened to with abated interest.

Just what testimony will be introduced in rebuttal is, of course, not known, though it is generally thought that an attempt will be made to show that Durrant is possessed of more than ordinary strength, and quite capable of carrying the body of Blanche Lamont to the tower under the conditions of the case.

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### BOGUS CAR TICKETS.

Conductor Who Was Not Content With a Starvation Salary.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—Special Officer O'Keefe, of the Chicago City Railway Company, last night placed under arrest two men who have been systematically robbing the company over six months by means of bogus tickets.

The names of the men arrested are Robert R. Mather, who has been employed by the company as a conductor almost ten years, and Carl Hollis, an electrician and jeweler.

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### Rescued Agrarian Programme.

Brejel, Oct. 11.—The Socialist congress, organized by a vote of 158 to 63 approved a resolution offered by Herr Kautsky, which is tantamount to rejection by the congress of the Proposed Agrarian programme.

### Earthquake and Water Famine.

Coton, Columbia, Oct. 11.—Advices from Bogota state that a shock of earthquake on September 20 damaged a large number of houses in the city. The inhabitants are also threatened with a complete failure of their water supply, and a public meeting has been held to consider measures of relief.

### Vatican to Assist Armenians.

London, Oct. 11.—A dispatch from Rome to the Pall Mall Gazette says that the Vatican has promised to take action through the Papal nuncios at Paris and Vienna in behalf of the Armenians.

### Redmond Wants Support.

London, Oct. 11.—Mr. John Redmond, M. P., leader of the Parliamntary section of the Irish parliamentary party, has issued a manifesto in which he unreservedly attacks the Liberals and anti-Parliamentary forces. The manifesto is estimated at \$150,000, and the insurance placed at \$2,500.

## COME, BOYS!



Climb Over the Fence and Distribute a Little Justice.

### CANAL MEN STARVING.

Nearly Five Hundred Boats Tied Up on the Erie.

Ellenville, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Starvation is staring the canal boatmen in the face. The 475 boats are tied up all along the line on dry land. Many are empty, but more are filled with coal.

For seven weeks not a boat has moved. The men have quartered their horses and mules with farmers, but they have no money to pay for their keep.

The boatmen usually make ten trips every season, and they receive \$20 a trip. This season they have made only four or five trips. Few of the men have paid for their boats.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company sell the boats for \$2,000, and keep \$15 out of each trip until the boats are paid for. The men are so poor that they cannot wait until the company and obtained \$50 each to help support them this winter. The amount will be charged against the boats.

### PLUCKY WOMAN OPERATOR.

Though Wounded, She Drives Thieves Away at Philadelpia Point.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The Southern Pacific station at Baden, ten miles south of this city, was entered last night by two masked men, who requested the telephone operator, Mrs. Leva Marshall, to hand over what money there was in the office.

Mrs. Marshall immediately reached for her revolver, but the robbers anticipated her movement, and she was struck in the left arm, just below the elbow.

Unmindful of her wound Mrs. Marshall returned the robbers' fire. Alarmed at the fusillade, the intruders fled. Six bullets were sent after them, but it is not known whether any of them were injured.

The wounded heroine was conveyed to San Francisco on a special engine. Her wound is not considered dangerous.

### BUTCH LYONS HANGED.

Noted Chicago Criminal Out of the Way at Last.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—The man for whom "Butch" Lyons was hanged to-day was the killing of Albert Mason last February. Mason and a man named O'Brien were walking with Lyons on Van Buren street, when O'Brien and Lyons assaulted and robbed him. He offered resistance and Lyons beat him over the head with a revolver while O'Brien held him.

From the front of the prison he died three days later. O'Brien was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Lyons has been a criminal since boyhood, and has been arrested for rape, assault and burglary several times.

### TEN BARNS AT ONCE.

Destructive Fire on a Big Farm in New York.

Watertown, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Ten barns on the farm owned by Dr. Jesse Reynolds and managed by William May, near Potsdam, were destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Seven barns, valued at \$600; 175 tons of hay, a crop of thirty acres of oats and all the farming implements were destroyed, involving a loss to the tenant of \$3,500, and to the owner of the farm of \$12,000. The insurance amounts to about 50 per cent of the loss.

### HOFFMAN HANGED.

Murderer of a Prague Police Inspector Pays the Penalty.

Prague, Oct. 11.—Antoine Hoffmann, the anarchist who murdered Police Inspector Baumgarten on June 11 last, was put to death this morning.

He refused all religious ministrations and uttered anarchistic cries until the last. A number of socialists gathered in front of the prison and indulged in seditionist shouts until they were dispersed by the police.

### Shot Himself in the Cars.

Urbachville, Ohio, Oct. 11.—Rudolph Mohr, about twenty-five years old, fired a bullet into his stomach as train No. 14 was passing the tunnel between Denison and Steubenville yesterday. His ticket was from California to Altona, Pa. When picked up Mohr was found to have disguised his smoothly-shaved face by wearing a long, black, false beard.

### Merchant Dropped Dead.

New York, Oct. 11.—Meyer Putzel, a produce merchant with an office at No. 209 Duane street, dropped dead, presumably from heart disease, in front of No. 245 Washington street, at 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Putzel was about seventy-three years of age, and lived at No. 13 East Fifty-seventh street.

## SAYS IT'S A CONSPIRACY

Belva Lockwood's Libel Suit Called in the Police Court.

### THINKS SHE NEEDS COUNSEL

In Her Zeal to Expose the Alleged Plot She Feared She Might Overstep the Bounds—Continuance Granted Until Wednesday Next in Order to Prepare a Defense.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood was before Judge Miller this morning to answer to a charge of libel, brought by Mr. Robert E. Lee White, a lawyer, with offices now in the Loan and Trust Building, but formerly in the building owned by Mrs. Lockwood, on F street, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest.

Mrs. White swore out a warrant late last evening and it was turned over to Detective Boyd. In consideration of Mrs. Lockwood's sex and her reputation in the community, Detective Boyd did not serve the warrant upon her, but called at her residence this morning and notified her to appear in court at 10 o'clock.

As was stated in the Times day before yesterday, Mrs. Lockwood was charged with posting and pasting libelous and scandalous notices on the door of Mr. White's office and under his name. Mrs. White has all the papers, about six in number, which have been published heretofore.

### THAT LIBELOUS POSTER.

One of these was selected, upon which the warrant for the libel was sworn out, and reads as follows:

"You beet won woman ouden hur rent an now tryin to beet the Lone an Truss Company."

When the case was called the clerk asked Mrs. Lockwood:

"Do you plead to this charge, madam?"

"Not guilty," she said, rising from her seat and approaching counsel's table.

"Your honor, I wish to state," continued Mrs. Lockwood, in a loud and clear voice, "that this warrant was only served upon me about fifteen minutes ago, while sitting in the court room and I am wholly unprepared for trial. I would ask for a continuance until Wednesday, if it please your honor, to enable me to secure counsel and make further preparations."

"You say you did not know of this case until you came here this morning?" asked the court.

"Oh, yes, your honor; I knew that Mr. White intended to sue me for libel, but I did not know of this case until this morning."

### NO RESPECT FOR ROYALTY.

Grand Duchess Vladimir's Train Is Robbed at a Station.

Sebastian, Oct. 11.—The Grand Duchess Vladimir, of Russia, with her children, has arrived here to pay a visit to Queen Regent Christina.

Two saloon cars of the royal train which brought the Queen Regent here, were entered and ransacked while lying on a side track at the station last night. Thieves carried away a number of valuable articles.

### CABLE FLASHES.

Yokohama, Oct. 11.—The British steamer Belgic, Capt. Walker, from San Francisco, August 24, for Yokohama and Hong Kong, which went ashore at Sateana Bay September 9, has been floated and has arrived at Yokohama.

London, Oct. 11.—It is reported that the Earl of Elgin, viceroy of India, has resigned for personal reasons.

### Burning Hotel Threatens a Town.

Rutland, N. Y., Oct. 11.—The Fountain House at Staterville Springs, eight miles from this city, is reported on fire, and a high wind threatens destruction of the village. Assistance has been requested of the Rutland fire department, but both steamers were disabled at last night's fire.

### Slashed by Highwaymen.

Altona, Pa., Oct. 11.—At 12:00 o'clock this morning two highwaymen held up and attempted to rob John H. Shope, of Conemaugh, as he was crossing one of the bridges which span the Pennsylvania railroad, in Altona. Shope made a vigorous fight. One of the thieves slashed him several times with a dirk knife, inflicting dangerous wounds. Shope's assailants escaped unrecognized.

## WILL BECOME DEMOCRATS.

New Orleans Negroes Indignant at White Republican Movement.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 11.—The action of the National Republicans and Republican Sugar Planters, in repudiating the negroes and in calling for a white Republican party, has caused indignation among the colored people of this city, and they threaten to go over in a body to the Democrats.

S. D. Herbert, chairman of the First District Republican convention, and a member of the Republican State central committee, a negro, expresses the prevailing sentiment of the negroes:

"The negro thought the white man's motive in desiring their disfranchisement, first, they will eliminate the ignorant negroes from politics, and secondly, they will use as voters and in other laborious avenues of employment, and use them as a voting power to build up an aristocratic kindred organization, soliciting their support in abolishing the employment of colored labor by legislation to disfranchise the poor classes."

"When the negro has been forced to sever his long-standing alliance with the Republican party, and has connected himself with the Democratic party, as now seems imminent, there will be no necessity for ballot-box stuffing or fraud in the State or city elections, as we colored people will become State Democrats and national Republicans."

### WANT PILOTS ABOLISHED.

Ship Owners' Association Declares They Are Really Pirates.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The Ship Owners' Association has issued a circular to various kindred organizations, soliciting their support in abolishing the employment of pilots for the port of San Francisco.

It denounces the present system which costs a quarter million annually at little short of piracy toward ship-owners and detrimental to marine trade in general on the Pacific coast.

Should the requisite co-operation be secured the desired purpose will undoubtedly be accomplished.

### ON GROUND OF DESERTION.

Edward A. Borge Asks for a Divorce.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 11.—Edward A. Borge brought suit for divorce against Hannah Borge to-day on the ground of desertion.

The parties were married in Cape May county, N. J., in 1882, and returned to Washington, where the bride resided, to live. The wife left home for a visit in Philadelphia May 23, 1894, and has not returned since. She has never been heard from, and has never since returned.

He received a letter from her the following September stating that she had no intention of coming back, he said.

### One-Legged Jumping Crank.

Batavia, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Charles Chase, the one-legged Batavian, who recently visited Niagara Falls, declaring that he would jump from the suspension bridge, was arrested there last night and brought back to this city, where he was arraigned on the charge of non-support and jailed.

### Child Her Son Is Born.

London, Oct. 11.—Princess Adolphus of Teck gave birth to a son this morning. The Princess is a daughter of the Duke of Westminster, who was married to Prince Adolphus.

## CLEVELAND STILL ALIVE

Notwithstanding a Report of His Attempted Assassination.

### Late Yacht Race Reporter of the Associated Press Still Doing Business at the Old Stand.

Buzzards Bay, Mass., Oct. 11.—The report sent out early this morning by the Chicago Associated Press that an attempt had been made to assassinate President Cleveland is an outrageous falsehood.

The family characterized the report of an attempted assassination as too absurd and ridiculous to be even talked about.

### Wealthy Bachelor Succeeds.

Boston, Oct. 11.—Walter F. Cobb, thirty-five years of age, a member of the coal firm of Thomas F. Phillips & Co., committed suicide yesterday afternoon in his bachelor apartment by cutting his throat. He has been ill a week. Temporary insanity is the supposed cause.

### DESTRUCTION OF LA PAZ

Details of the Great Storm and Tidal Wave Yet Very Meager.

### Little More of the Terrible Occurrence Than Was Given in The Times of Wednesday Evening.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company, owners of the steamer Willamette Valley, have received no advice whatever on the alleged La Paz storm. The steamer was detained at Guaymas two days. She is now on her way North.

According to an evening paper, however, the following additional particulars of the hurricane were received here this morning in private dispatches:

La Paz, Mexico, has been completely destroyed by a hurricane. The storm was followed by a tidal wave, the waters in the bay rising to an unprecedented height, invading that portion of the city fronting the wharves, and carrying out to sea men, animals, and debris of wrecked buildings as the tide subsided.

The loss of life is reported heavy, but details of the disaster are meager.

Further advice says that a hurricane commenced in La Paz at 11 p. m. on September 30, and did not reach the city until the following day. It was accompanied by heavy rains.

One hundred and eighty-four brick houses were totally destroyed. One woman and four children were drowned. Nineteen vessels anchored in the harbor were carried far up the beach, among them being the American schooner Cedar, still partially loaded. The gardens in La Paz and south as far as San Jose were badly damaged.

At Mazatlan no damage was done. At Altona and along the Puerto river the storm was very severe. Two of the principal sources of that vicinity lost over \$250,000 each by the storm. Telegraph wires are down, and no details can be had.

## UNCLE SAM WARNS SPAIN

Spanish Minister at Washington Given Important Advice.

### REBELLION TOO PROLONGED

Inference That If Not Soon Crushed Rebels Will Be Recognized—Sharp Fighting in Provinces—Majority of Santiago de Cuba's Council in Prison.

London, Oct. 11.—A dispatch from Madrid to a news agency says: "It is stated here upon good authority that the United States Government has pointed out to the Spanish minister at Washington the necessity that Spain should take prompt action to crush the rebellion in Cuba. This statement has created a sensation in political circles."

New York, Oct. 11.—The Herald's correspondent in Havana, province of Puerto Principe, Cuba, writing under date of October 1, says: News has just reached here of an important engagement near San Nicolas, on the road from Ciego de Avila to Puerto Principe, where Brigadier Adolfo's Spanish column, composed of Cuban cavalry and artillery, was surprised and defeated an insurgent force led by Lopez, apparently the vanguard of Gomez and Maceo's rebel army.

Eighty insurgents are reported to have been killed and captured by the victors. The loss by the Spanish column was insignificant.

The majority of the members of the provincial council of Santiago de Cuba have been imprisoned.

The former La Esperanza, a sugar plantation in Guantamano, belonging to the British commercial house of Brooks & Company, arrested recently by the Spanish police, contained a number of Cuban patriots and was charged with supplying salt to a party of insurgents.

An American dentist is reported to be among the political prisoners imprisoned in Ranccho, in Santa Clara. He has been refused permission to communicate with his family, and is being held incommunicado with his family.

A Spanish tax collector, Don Enrique Pina, manager of the Banco Espanola, in Santa Spiritus province, has died to the hurricane were received here this morning in private dispatches.

Madrid, Oct. 11.—A dispatch from Havana says that the rebel general, Amador, has been condemned to death, and Llanab, another insurgent chief, to penal servitude for life.

The government is considering the advisability of arming several of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Company's steamers and converting the company's steamers into a fleet to patrol the coast.

The Imperial ascribes the naval activity to the expectation that the United States will recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents.

The Imperial's Havana dispatch says that the Spanish column under Gen. Sousa, has had an encounter with a band of rebels in the district of Manacaes, killing several, and capturing a large number. The Spanish had one killed and two wounded.

Barcelona, Oct. 11.—The students at the university here were engaged in a riotous demonstration that called for the interference of the police, have resolved to stop all the classes until Oton, who was suspended, shall have been reinstated. In accordance with this resolution the riotous students to-day burst into the university, smashed windows and lamps, and prevented the classes being held. They demanded that the rector resign.

The students tried to force an entrance into the hospital, where the injured rioters were being treated, and called for the police, who charged and dispersed them. Upon advised the turbulent youths to preserve order, and to keep their hands off the government of the United States, who do not wish to annex the island for fear of increasing the number of their negro citizens.

### JAPAN IN RELENTING MOOD.

Has Agreed to Reduce China's Supplementary Indemnity.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—It is stated here that Japan has agreed that the supplementary indemnity to be paid to her by China for the Japanese war, which was 200,000,000 taels, shall be reduced to 100,000,000 taels, the evacuation to take place within three months of the payment of the indemnity.

China has agreed to pay very shortly to the Japanese minister in London 50,000,000 taels, the first installment of the indemnity. This will be made in portable stores.

### WILL REPAIR ROADS.

That Is, If Congress Will Make Proper Appropriations.

The Commissioners have decided to recommend to the next Congress a modification of the highway extension act to enable them to keep in repair the abandoned county roads, pending the work of opening the substitute routes.

Under the provisions of the 701, a number of roads were deprived of appropriation and were, therefore, left without prospect of the improvement needed to keep them in possible condition, residents being deprived of a thoroughfare.

### BURNED TO DEATH.

Demented Woman Sets Fire to Herself and Roasts.

Saratoga, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Mrs. Harriet Ryan, aged 62 years, and residing with her nephew, Henry J. Fuller, near King's station, in the town of Wilton, about five miles from this city, was burned to death last night.

The woman, who had been demented some time, secured some matches and set fire to her night clothing.

### Auction Sales To-day.

RATLIFF, SUTTON & Co., 920 Pennsylvania ave. n.w.

A street southwest, No. 227, frame house, by order of J. F. Miller, trustee. Sale Friday, October 11, at 11 a. m.

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